GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:268
ANSWERED ON:19.02.2003
KIDNEY SCAM
BASUDEB ACHARIA;CHARAN DAS MAHANT

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captiond `Kidney Scam` appearing in the Times of India dated January 18, 2003;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government against those violating Human Organ Transplantation Act, 1984?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) Sale and purchase of human organs including kidney is banned under the provisions of the Transplantation of Human Organ Act, 1994. The Act has stringent provisions for punishing any one who commits such acts. Under Section 13 (2) of the Transplantation of Human Organ Act, 1994, the State Governments are empowered to appoint Appropriate Authorities for the purpose of the Act who are empowered to investigate any complaints of breach of provisions of the Act including those pertaining to sale and purchase of human organs including kidney. The act has been adopted by several States including the Government of Punjab.